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1749 Marshall
Houston TX 77098
April 22, 1981

Hon. Mickey Leland
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Leland,

This letter has three main aims as follows:

- 1) to urge you to co-sponsor the Hunger and Global Security Bill (HR 2793). The provisions of this bill will go much further towards the national goal of stabilizing international relations than all the armaments that Reagan could ever buy with the hundreds of billions of dollars he's ripping off from the poor.
- 2) to let you know that, while I support the elimination of waste and corruption from the government, I am steadfastly opposed to cuts in vital funding for areas such as foodstamps, Aid to Dependent Children, solar energy research, student loans, basic scientific and medical research, school lunch programs, mass transit construction, and education. The transfer of foreign aid money from development aid to military "aid" is likewise deplorable. I know you are appalled by these things and I support whatever efforts you are making to stop this insanity.

3) to encourage you to press the House Budget Committee to call for a comprehensive, independent analysis of the defense budget by the GAO. This would undoubtedly provide important information needed to show that the most wasteful, inflationary government program of all is the military!

Thank you for your attention to these matters and for your continued excellent representation of our district.

Sincerely yours,
John R. Snyder